

**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claim 1 is amended herein. Support for the amendment is provided, *inter alia*, in the clean substitute specification on page 10, lines 8-17. Claims 26 and 27 are added and correspond to original claims 2 and 23, respectively. No new matter is added.

**Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103**

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-11, 14-15, 17, 19, 20 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,699,621 (Clarke et al.) In view of German Patent Publication DE-9301059-U (Sulzer). Claims 5, 21-22 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Clarke et al In view of Sulzer and further In view of U.S. Patent No. 5,919,297 (Lehtovirta et al.). Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Clarke et al. in view of Sulzer and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,007,304 (Ide). Claims 12, 13, 16, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Clarke et al. in view of Sulzer and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,365,842 (Panossian). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

"To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, ... the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations." M.P.E.P. §2143. Additionally, as set forth by the Supreme Court in KSR Int'l Co. v. Teleflex, Inc., No. 04-1350 (U.S. Apr. 30, 2007), it is necessary to identify a reason that would have prompted a person of ordinary skill in the relevant field to combine the prior art elements in the manner claimed.

Independent claim 1 recites "[a] web-processing roller, comprising a roller body having at least one hollow space defined therein, wherein the hollow space is at least partially filled with a mixture consisting of a liquid and at least one insoluble co-ingredient in the liquid formed by solid particles or by another liquid, wherein the mixture is accommodated in separate containers which are arranged adjacently and spaced from each other along the rotational axis of the roller in the interior of the roller."

As explained in the clean version of the substitute specification at page 10, lines 8-17, with such a configuration, the oscillation characteristics of the rollers can be influenced specifically and individually for each roller. Additionally, separate dampening bodies are suitable for retrofitting rollers which were not originally provided with such oscillation dampening.

The Office Action acknowledges in paragraph 3 that Clarke et al. and Sulzer each teach a liquid positioned within an annular space between an outer sleeve and an inner core member. The Office Action acknowledges in paragraph 18 that Lehtovirta et al. teaches an annular space between an outer sleeve and an inner core member. Ide teaches a single fluid filled chamber 18. Panossian teaches a plurality of bores 26 about the circumference of the cylinder, with each bore 26 extending the length of the cylinder. None of the cited references discloses, teaches or suggests the mixture accommodated in separate containers which are arranged adjacently and spaced from each other along the rotational axis of the roller in the interior of the roller.

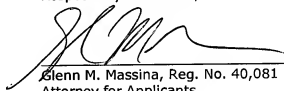
It is respectfully submitted that the cited references fail to teach each limitation of the claimed invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claims 3-22 and 24-27 each depend from claim 1 and should be allowable for at least the reasons set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration and allowance of each of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes an interview, either personal or telephonic, will advance the prosecution of this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to arrange the same.

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